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THE CITY HALL.

ANNUAL MEETING.
The Hon. C. W. Dickson presided at the annual meeting of shareholders in and subscribers to the City Hall, which was held yesterday afternoon at that building. There were present Hon. C. S. Sharp, Messrs N. A. Siebs, B. Layton, H. N. Mody, and F. B. L. Bowley (secretary). The annual report for the year ended 30th June, 1902, was submitted as follows:—

COMMITTEE.

The Hon. J. J. Ball-Irving resigned the post of Chairman on his leaving the Colony in May last, and the Hon. C. W. Dickson filled the vacancy. The Hon. C. S. Sharp was elected on the 22nd December, 1901, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr H. E. Pollock, K.C.; and the latter has since rejoined the Committee. Mr H. Horshouse acted as Secretary in May and June during Mr Bowley's absence.

STATE OF THE BUILDING.

In August, 1901, the interior of the building was redecorated, the electric light extended to the entrance hall, staircase, corridors, Chamber of Commerce, and card room, and the doors of the Museum glazed, at a cost of \$2,000. The usual annual examination of the building was made by the architect, Messrs. Palmer and Turner, in June, 1902, and the floors of the St. George's and St. Andrew's Halls were found to be quite sound. A few minor repairs necessitated by white ants were effected. The amount spent on ordinary repairs during the twelve months ending 30th June, 1902, was \$1,698.31.

THEATRE, &c.

During the year ending 30th June the theatre was let to the Amateur Dramatic Club, Mr Dallas, the Australian Vaudeville Company, the Empire Comedy Company, Messrs Coghlin and Sutton, Barofski's Circus Company, the Twentieth Century Entertainers, and others. The electric lighting of the stage has now been satisfactorily completed, but the cost of installing the light does not fall into the period under review. The St. George's and St. Andrew's Halls and the rest of the building were let for numerous dances, concerts and meetings, and their use was granted free of rent for bazaars and other charitable purposes. The use of the whole building was granted to the Corporation Committee for the library's use on 28th June. The rent receipts of the theatre and halls, &c., show an increase of \$1,340.21 on last year.

THE LIBRARY.

The use of the library as a free reading-room and chess-room has been maintained, and the free lending collection was well patronised. 35 books published in Hongkong were deposited in the Library, and 220 books were presented to the lending collection, bringing it up to 790 vols. Newspapers and periodicals have been kindly presented by members of the Committee, by Mr H. A. Allen, Mr Burton, Mr Bowley, Mr H. A. Ritchie, Mr H. E. Pollock, and the Hongkong Club, and by the proprietors of the local newspapers and of the Government Gazette. The number of visitors to the library during the year ending 30th June was 1,043 Chinese, the number of ticket holders for the lending collection was 193 on 30th June, 1902.

MUSEUM.

The only important gift to the museum during the twelve-month was a very interesting and valuable collection of the land and freshwater shells of Hongkong and China, kindly presented by Dr C. G. Germain. The specimens were also presented by Commander Powell, R.N., Messrs C. Ford, J. M. Forbes, Fullerton, C. H. Gale, E. F. Gibson, A. Haupt, E. J. Hughes, J. Mossop, H. P. Pollock, St. Leon Gierrier, J. Wacker, J. W. Williams, and others. The museum was visited by 3,152 persons Chinese and 8,276 Chinese.

ACCOUNTS.

The balance in the hands of the Hon. Treasurer when the accounts up to 30th June, 1902, were closed, was \$8,247.21. The reserve fund on fixed deposit in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank is \$13,542.55. The expenditure exceeding the ordinary receipts, excluding amount brought forward and interest on fixed deposit, was \$456.15.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, said:—Gentlemen, The report and accounts of accounts which have been circulated I propose we take as read. During the period under review there has been a considerable increase in the rent of the theatre, but on the other hand increased usage has necessitated heavier expenditure to make good wear and tear. The introduction of electric light on the stage is much appreciated by all whom choice or profession call behind the footlights. Ordinary revenue has been sufficient to meet the expenses of the building, and the electric lighting undertaken in 1901, and there is a considerable balance available for the carrying out of much-needed improvements in the seating and lighting of the theatre, sanitary conveniences, extension of library and museum, &c., &c. Ordinary expenses have increased owing to lower sterling exchange, and to meet this rents have since been raised all round. The books of the late Hongkong Subscription Library have recently been presented to the lending collection in the City Hall, and is now as yet a dividend-paying concern, but so long as the receipts from the Theatre and ball-rooms are sufficient to pay for the upkeep of the building and the maintenance of the library and museum, which are both open to the public but have no endowment, the institution may be regarded as fulfilling its purpose. I beg to move the adoption of the report and accounts. (Applause.)

Mr H. N. Mody seconded, and the motion was unanimously agreed to.

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H.E. Major-General Sir William J. Gascoigne, G.O.M.G., (General Commandant).
Hon. F. H. May (Colonial Secretary).
Hon. Sir H. S. BAKER (Attorney General).
Hon. A. M. THOMSON (Colonial Treasurer).
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Hon. R. SHAW.
Hon. W. A. YUK.
Mr R. F. JOHNSON (Acting Clerk of Council).

FINANCE COMMITTEE.
A meeting of the Finance Committee was held immediately after the Council. Hon. F. H. May presiding.

CHIEF OF POST OFFICE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of One thousand five hundred and fifty Dollars (\$1,550) to meet the cost for the current year of an Agency of the Hongkong Post Office established at Chefoo, from 1st January.

THE BROUGH COMPANY.

The last performance of 'Lady Huntworth's Experiment' will be given this evening at the City Hall, and it may be as well to remind playgoers that Cartin's Comedy will not be seen again at the hands of the Brough Company.

The arrangements are now quite complete for the balance of the season, and rapid changes will be the policy of the management. For to-morrow and Monday nights.

THE GUARDS SCANDAL.

Fuller Details.
Allahabad, February 13.—A Pioneer special message dated London, 12th February, says: 'The 1st Battalion, Scots Guards, at Windsor, have lost about fifty men from desertion since Christmas 2001. Twenty-seven privates deserted, and the remainder were found in the Thames. The men complain of excessive pickets and parades. An investigation has been ordered.'

Calcutta, February 9.—The London correspondent of the *Indian Daily News*, telegraphing on the 9th instant, states that some particulars of the 'ragging' incident in the Grenadier Guards have now been made public; and there is much surprise at the gravity of the offence. Besides the Marquis of Dufferin, who is the son of the Duke of Wellington, formerly of the same regiment, the Master of Belhaven and Lieutenant J. H. Leveson-Gower were also ragged. One of the young men collapsed under the violence of fogging.

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Col. Kinloch to resign, simultaneously exonerated him privately.

Lieutenant Blundell-Hollingshead-Blundell's resignation is unconnected with the ragging.

London, February 10.—A letter addressed to Admiral Basil Cochrane to *The Times* describes fully the system prevailing in the Grenadiers, especially in the 1st Battalion, whereby the subalterns hold court-martials for trying young officers for all sorts of offences, the punishment mostly being a severe fogging on the bare skin. The letter cites a recent instance where a young officer fainted after forty blows. Every subaltern is obliged to attend the court-martial and to participate in the fogging of his own and friends. The system, which is traditional, is recognised by the Colonels, who would have over a delinquent to the senior subaltern for trial.

Admiral Cochrane, who does not mention by name, but who is clearly Mr Leveson-Gower, who, for an unintentional military default, was tried and fogged, though not severely. Shortly afterwards his nephew and two other subalterns were told by the senior subaltern that, unless they rode with the Brigade drag at Windsor, they would be fogged. They thereupon, after seeking advice, drafted a statement for Lord Roberts. Eventually the three subalterns looked forward to a big drop on last year's splendid record. Geyn Nichols, Morgan and Llewellyn were probably the most stand-out three-quarters in the United Kingdom last year, and that all three of them should be hors de combat was enough to make the strongest combination feel. Ross, Jowett and Pearson, however, proved capable substitutes, and, at the end of the Swansea game, there was only praise for the Welshmen—a 'clinking team' as the *Sporting Post* put it, adding that Wales could 'probably' put a second division into the field and beat England, Scotland or Ireland. The tables have been turned now with a vengeance and Scotland the despised of 1902 has re-asserted herself.

TO-MORROW'S MATCH.
To-morrow afternoon, the Happy Valley, the Hongkong Football Club will play H.M.S. Ocean and Talbot under Rugby rules. Kick-off at 4 p.m. The Club will play in striped jerseys. The following will play for the Club:—Arthur, full back; Robertson, Campbell, Parker, and Lemarchand, three-quarters; Jordan and Stephens, halves; Halliday, Wolfe, Chatter, Morgan, Clark, Stronach, Bingley, and Clark (capt.), forwards.

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SENIOR SAGASTA.

We have seen the proof sheets of a short article by John Foreman (author of the standard work on the Philippine Islands) dealing with the salient features of the political life of the late Senor Sagasta, the Spanish statesman. This article appears in the *Contemporary Review* for February, and will be found of interest to general readers as well as students of modern Spanish history. We reproduce the following concluding paragraphs:—

The chief event in the last year of Sagasta's life was undoubtedly the Coronation of the boy King Alfonso XIII. on the 17th of May, 1902. The close of the Regency would have been a fitting occasion on which definitely to retire from active politics; but he resolved to do so he would, no doubt, have saved himself the discourtesy to which he was subjected during the past year in the Cortes and of which he complained to the King when, on the 2nd of December last, a month after he had reconstructed the Cabinet, he was defeated upon a vote of censure and tendered his final resignation. His discourtesy in the Cortes which he resented was, in reality, due to his own impatience. When last year I listened to a debate in the Cortes on the burning question of the Religious Associations, Sagasta uttered only four words:—'It is not true.'—in response to the appeals of the deputies to declare the Government policy. At a later sitting Romero Robledo affirmed that if the Primo Minister were no longer capable of governing he ought to resign forthwith, for the interests of the State could not be subordinated to personal considerations.

The private life of Senor Sagasta was of the simplest. He dressed carelessly, ate and smoked little, disliked attention, and he was not a party man. He was an ardent worker, quick at grasping the details of any subject, and his usefulness was perhaps greater as a Cabinet Minister than as a Government leader. Courageous, imperious, and unflinching, his character was austere. His frigid severity was remarkable for a Spaniard. Full of imagination, initiative and clever device, he lacked the power of execution and that imposing individuality which necessarily belongs to the born leader. His oratory was devoid of those flowery phrases which often adorned his opponents' speeches, but his fluency of language and his skill in rhetorical argument generally enabled him to foil his keenest Parliamentary adversaries.

Upon the whole he cannot be regarded as a great politician, for if ever he conceived a master stroke of policy, he was held back by the fear of losing that popularity to which he was so keenly attached. In every political crisis which in his time left its mark upon the history of his country, he was but the follower of a bolder genius, yet we must admire the talent with which he held together the fragments of a party, his chief strength being his tact and his readiness to serve as a healthy counterpoise to retrogressive clericalism. His loss will be the less felt in political circles because he had outlived his capacity to govern. But his fellow-countrymen will treasure the memory of one whose public achievements, for outlived his deficiencies, whilst the reigning family cannot fail to think with gratitude of the statesman who faithfully piloted their fortunes through a sea of calamities.

THE GUARDS SCANDAL.

Fuller Details.

Allahabad, February 13.—A Pioneer special message dated London, 12th February, says: 'The 1st Battalion, Scots Guards, at Windsor, have lost about fifty men from desertion since Christmas 2001. Twenty-seven privates deserted, and the remainder were found in the Thames. The men complain of excessive pickets and parades. An investigation has been ordered.'

Calcutta, February 9.—The London correspondent of the *Indian Daily News*, telegraphing on the 9th instant, states that some particulars of the 'ragging' incident in the Grenadier Guards have now been made public; and there is much surprise at the gravity of the offence. Besides the Marquis of Dufferin, who is the son of the Duke of Wellington, formerly of the same regiment, the Master of Belhaven and Lieutenant J. H. Leveson-Gower were also ragged. One of the young men collapsed under the violence of fogging.

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Col. Kinloch to resign, simultaneously exonerated him privately.

Lieutenant Blundell-Hollingshead-Blundell's resignation is unconnected with the ragging.

London, February 10.—A letter addressed to Admiral Basil Cochrane to *The Times* describes fully the system prevailing in the Grenadiers, especially in the 1st Battalion, whereby the subalterns hold court-martials for trying young officers for all sorts of offences, the punishment mostly being a severe fogging on the bare skin. The letter cites a recent instance where a young officer fainted after forty blows. Every subaltern is obliged to attend the court-martial and to participate in the fogging of his own and friends. The system, which is traditional, is recognised by the Colonels, who would have over a delinquent to the senior subaltern for trial.

Admiral Cochrane, who does not mention by name, but who is clearly Mr Leveson-Gower, who, for an unintentional military default, was tried and fogged, though not severely. Shortly afterwards his nephew and two other subalterns were told by the senior subaltern that, unless they rode with the Brigade drag at Windsor, they would be fogged. They thereupon, after seeking advice, drafted a statement for Lord Roberts. Eventually the three subalterns looked forward to a big drop on last year's splendid record. Geyn Nichols, Morgan and Llewellyn were probably the most stand-out three-quarters in the United Kingdom last year, and that all three of them should be hors de combat was enough to make the strongest combination feel. Ross, Jowett and Pearson, however, proved capable substitutes, and, at the end of the Swansea game, there was only praise for the Welshmen—a 'clinking team' as the *Sporting Post* put it, adding that Wales could 'probably' put a second division into the field and beat England, Scotland or Ireland. The tables have been turned now with a vengeance and Scotland the despised of 1902 has re-asserted herself.

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LATE TELEGRAMS.

Lord Kitchener.

Calcutta, February 12.—Lord Kitchener leaves for Quetta early next month and will not be back for the Budget Debate in Council.

The Crown Princess of Saxony.

Calcutta, February 10.—The London correspondent of the *Indian Daily News*, telegraphing on the 9th instant, states that the Crown Princess of Saxony has collapsed, and has been admitted to a sanatorium. A request of the Crown Princess of Saxony to visit her sick child has been refused.

The Plague in India.

Calcutta, February 11.—Close on 26,000 plague deaths took place in India last week, the Bombay Presidency reporting 12,000, the Punjab nearly 4,000 and the United Provinces and Bengal over 2,000 each.

Army News.

London, February 13.—It is announced that a limited number of appointments to the King's African Rifles will be granted to auxiliary officers who have served in South Africa.

The South Sea Islands Catastrophe.

February 9.—Eight whites were drowned in the Society Islands disaster. The loss of life was greatest in the small, low-lying islands, many of which are only twenty feet above the sea. The survivors took refuge in tree-tops.

Two French and one Italian warships have left Papeete to render assistance. Thousands of tons of copra and a hundred tons of mother-of-pearl have been lost.

Another Liberal Party Split.

London, Feb. 7.—The Liberal Conference on the Education Act, held on Friday, resulted in another split in the Liberal Party. Mr Lloyd George, M.P., at the head of the Extremists, carried a resolution recommending education authorities to evade the law, in spite of protests from Lord Spencer and other members of the Government. The *Daily Chronicle* supports Lord Spencer; but the *Daily News* and the *Morning Leader* are all for the Extremists.

The Wealth of England.

February 13.—Mr Gerald Balfour speaking at Ipswich said there had been no sudden jump in the wealth of the country but that the progress had been steady, gradual and constant. The figures for the last year showed that the nation's wealth had reached a pitch of wealth and prosperity never touched before.

Army Medical Department.

The War Office has decided to reorganise the Medical Corps, dividing it into four sections for nursing, cooking, clerical and general duty. The revised rates of pay are under consideration, making the nursing section most important and attractive.

Russia and Persia.

February 12.—Eighteen Russian engineers left St. Petersburg to-morrow for Persia to make surveys for a road in the direction of Jilfa, Tabriz, Kazvin and Teheran.

The Negro Question in America.

February 8.—Mr Root, the American Secretary for War, speaking in New York, said: 'We shall have to face a changed feeling in the South, where the black is feeling the right to aspire to the highest American citizenship. That right was formerly unquestioned; but while we soon succeed in excluding black men from offices in the South, our first attempt on behalf of the black failed. The question is of the black to do? and it should occupy the greatest thought of the greatest minds of the country.'

Indian Cricket Team for England.

Bombay, February 11.—A representative preliminary meeting at Bombay has approved of a scheme to send a team of Indian

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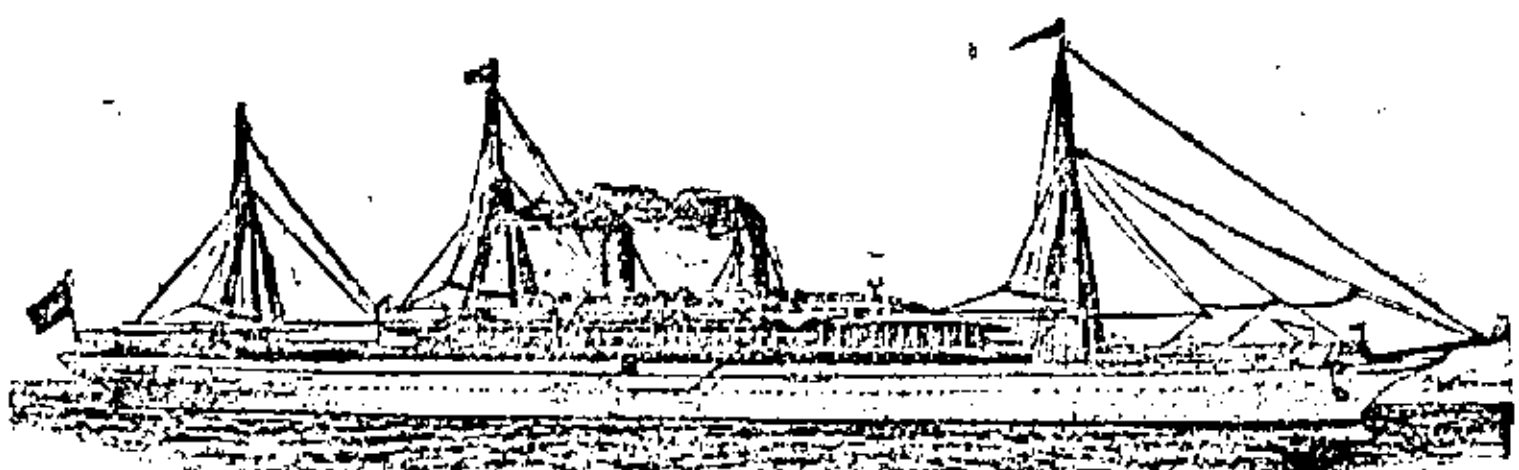
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Amoy, Samarang, Sour	Shantung (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 6.
Australian Ports	Changsha (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 11.
Batavia	Empire (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	March 19, at noon
Batavia, Sporo & Cebu	Kinshiu Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	March 4, at 4 p.m.
Bremen, &c.	Prausman (s)	Molchers & Co.	March 24, at noon
Bremen, &c.	Prinzess (s)	Molchers & Co.	March 18, at noon
Cebu & Iloilo	Kaifong (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 7.
Chinking	Szechuen (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 3.
Havre and Hamburg	C. Ford. Louis (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	March 3.
Havre and Hamburg	Ranberg (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	March 28.
Kobe, N'ki & W'stock	Svevia (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	March 5, Daylight
London	Pinchney (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 17.
London	Machou (s)	Butterfield & Swire	April 14.
London	Jason (s)	Butterfield & Swire	April 28.
London, &c.	Bengal (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 28, at noon
London v. Genoa	Diamond (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 10, 11 a.m.
London v. Genoa	Kintuck (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 31.
Edon & Antwerp, &c.	Banca (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	March 4, at noon
Manila	Zafra (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	March 6, at noon
Manila	Rubi (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	March 13, at noon
Manila	Longsang (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	March 10, 11 a.m.
Manila	Rosetta Maru (s)	Yokohama K. K.	March 3, at noon
Manila	Sunkiang (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 11.
Marselles & Antwerp	Perrutha (s)	Butterfield & Swire	February 28.
Marselles, London, &c.	Kakuta Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	March 7, Daylight
Marselles via Saigon	Annam (s)	Messageries M. M.	March 10, 11 a.m.
New York v. Suez Canal	Thorica (s)	De Witt & Co. Limited	About March 5
New York v. Suez Canal	Thordis (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	March 1, at 6 a.m.
Shanghai	Kwelin (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 3.
Shanghai & Kobe	Mazagon (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	March 3.
Shanghai and Portland	Indrapur (s)	Portland & A. S. Co.	February 28.
Shanghai and Portland	Indrantha (s)	Portland & A. S. Co.	March 16.
Shanghai and Portland	Indravelli (s)	Portland & A. S. Co.	April 6.
Shanghai, Amoy & F'chow	Maizuru Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	March 4.
Shanghai, Amoy & F'chow	Maizuru Maru (s)	Douglas Lapaik & Co.	March 1, Daylight
Shanghai, Amoy & F'chow	Baiping Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	March 1.
Shanghai, Amoy & F'chow	Daikin Maru (s)	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	March 8.
Shanghai, Amoy & F'chow	Daikin Maru (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 10.
Shanghai, Amoy & F'chow	Daikin Maru (s)	Sander, Wielder & Co.	March 21.
Shanghai, Amoy & F'chow	Daikin Maru (s)	Canadian P. & S. Co.	March 11.
Shanghai, Amoy & F'chow	Daikin Maru (s)	Canadian P. & S. Co.	March 18.
Shanghai, Amoy & F'chow	Daikin Maru (s)	Dowdell & Co. Limited	March 10.
Shanghai, Amoy & F'chow	Daikin Maru (s)	Dowdell & Co. Limited	March 17.
Shanghai, Amoy & F'chow	Daikin Maru (s)	Butterfield & Swire	About March 23.
Shanghai, Amoy & F'chow	Daikin Maru (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 23.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.				
FEBRUARY 27, 1903.				
Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Quotation.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	19,000	£ 125	all	£874 buyers
National Bank of China, Limited	90,000	£ 10	£ 8	£224, buyers
	28,900	£ 10	£ 8	£224, buyers
	750	£ 1	£ 1	£10, sellers
DO. Founders' shares				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	£ 250	£ 50	£1624
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	£ 83.33	£ 25	£68, buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	£ 100	£ 25	£132, buyers
Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	£ 250	£ 10	£21, nominal
Union Insurance Society, Ltd.	10,000	£ 250	£ 10	£21, buyers
Yungtze Insurance Association, Ltd.	8,000	£ 250	£ 60	£135, buyers
FIRE INSURANCE.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	£ 100	£ 20	£87
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	£ 250	£ 50	£927, buyers
DOCKS.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd.	50,000	£ 50	all	£199, ex div., sell
Go. Fenwick & Co., Limited.	6,000	£ 25	£ 25	£60, sales
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	6,000	£ 63	£ 63	£34, sellers
S. C. Farman, Boyd & Co. Ltd.	56,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 180, sellers
SPAMBOATS, TUGS, ETC.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	20,000	£ 50	£ 50	£27, buyers
	10,000	£ 50	£ 50	£25, nominal
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	£ 50	all	£44, sellers
BK. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	£ 15	£ 15	£13, sellers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	£ 10	£ 10	£102
Perry Company, Ltd.	10,000	£ 10	£ 5	£14, sales & buyers
Shall Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	5,000	£ 1	£ 1	£110, sales & buyers
Shanghai Tug Boat Co., Ltd.	2,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 30, sales
Toku Tug and Lighter Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 53, buyers
Shanghai Cargo Boat Co., Ltd.	6,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 150